

REMARKS

Claims 11-18 are pending in the present application. Claims 11-18 are rejected. Claim 11 is herein amended.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 11-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,603,478 to Wang.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's rejection. Nevertheless, Applicant herein amends claim 11 to more clearly recite the invention.

Amended claim 11 sets forth, among other things, that the protrusion is formed as a single part with the base member, and that the engaging portion directly engages the movable member from above. These features are supported by the specification and shown in Figures 8 and 9.

In Wang, the elements numbered 2 and 4 are separate from each other and from the base member 1. Further, the downward hooks 23 of the element 2, which the Examiner (contrary to Applicant) considers as an equivalent of the claimed engaging portion, engage the base member 1, but they do not directly engage the movable member 3. The addition of "from above" to claim 11 more clearly distinguishes the claimed engaging portion from the downward hooks 23 of Wang. Furthermore, although the flat cap 41, which the Examiner considers as an equivalent of the claimed shank, directly engages the movable member 3 (see Fig. 3), it does not deflect flexibly to pass through the guide slot 33. Applicant makes the above amendment even though

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Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's conclusion that the flat cap 41 is an equivalent of the claimed shank

Therefore, because not all of the claimed limitations are taught or suggested by the cited references, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the present rejections.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicant submits that that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicant requests such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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